

**R E M A R K S**

Claims 1, 2 and 11-13 are pending and at issue, with claims 3-10 being withdrawn.

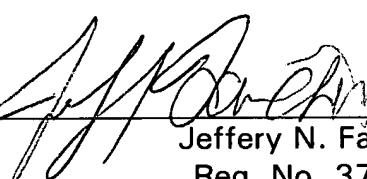
In view of the indication of allowability of claims 12 and 13 subject to their being re-written in independent form, it is believed that they are now in allowable form in view of the amendment to claim 12.

Because this amendment removes the objection to claims 12 and 13 and thus narrows any issues on appeal, Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the amendment is appropriate. It is further noted that Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal concurrently with the filing of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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